

IN THE DRAWINGS

The Examiner noted that the Drawings filed on 1/10/02 are accepted by the Examiner.

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However, in order to be responsive to the requirement set forth in the Notice of Allowability, Applicant has enclosed herewith Two (2) "replacement sheets" of formal Drawing in A-4 format having Figs. 1 through 4 on Sheet 1 wherein Figs 1 and 2 have been corrected as shown in "red" on the marked-up sheets of Drawing and Figs. 28 through 32 on Sheet 2 wherein Figs. 30, 31 and 32 have been corrected as shown in "red" on the marked-up sheets of Drawing, which marked-up Sheets of Drawing were filed on 1/10/02.

ADDITIONAL FEES

No additional fees are deemed due herein. However, if any fees are required for any reason, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 13-2515.

REMARKS**Claims**

Claims 2-5, 8-17, 21, 22 and 24 are pending in this Application and have been allowed.

Discussion of Claims/Required Amendments

In the Examiner's Amendment, claims 1, 6, 7, 18-20, 23 and 25 have been cancelled. Claims 2-5, 8-17, 21, 22 and 24 were allowed.

In the Examiner's Amendment, Claim 21 was replaced by the Examiner with a rewritten claim 21. A review of rewritten claim 21 and certain of the dependent claims 13 through 16 disclosed some obvious ambiguities and indefiniteness such that is necessary to amend rewritten claim 21 and dependent claims 13 through 16 to remove the ambiguities and indefiniteness.

Claim 21 was amended as follows:

(A) At line 21, to delete the word "end" and replace with the word --position--, such that the phrase now reads:

a fastening member having an open position
and a closed position

thereby making the claim language consistent with respect to the
fastening member having "an open position and a closed
position"; and

(B) At lines 23 and 24, to delete the words "to said first
end and said second end of the carrying handle" and replace the
same with the words --formed in the exterior surface of said
outer member-- such that the claim at lines 21 through 23 now
reads:

said fastening member being operatively
connected to said opening formed in the
exterior surface of said outer member--

thereby making it clear and unambiguous that fastening member is
operatively connected to the opening formed in the exterior
surface of the outer member as opposed to the first end and
second end of the carrying handle, which obviously is incorrect.

Claim 21 was also amended at line 28 to remove the word
"and" which was unnecessary.

As such, claim 21 as amended is now definite and clear.

Claims 2 through 5 are properly dependent on claim 21.

Claims 8 through 12 are properly dependent on claim 21.

A careful review of allowed dependent claims 13 through 16 disclosed an antecedent basis inconsistency that arose as a result of making these claims dependent on claim 21.

With respect to claim 13, the antecedent basis for the word "flap" is in claim 12 and not claim 21. Therefore, it was necessary to amend claim 13 to be dependent on claim 12 instead of 21 in that claim 21 did not have an antecedent basis for the word "flap". For this reason, claim 13 is now definite and clear.

With respect to claim 14, the antecedent basis for the words "said second fastening member " is in claim 13 and not claim 21. Therefore, it was necessary to amend claim 14 to be dependent on claim 13 instead of 21 in that claim 21 did not have an antecedent basis for the words "said second fastening member". For this reason, claim 14 is now definite and clear.

With respect to claim 15, the antecedent basis for the words "said second fastening member " is in claim 13 and not claim 21. Therefore, it was necessary to amend claim 15 to be dependent on claim 13 instead of 21 in that claim 21 did not have an antecedent basis for the words "said second fastening member ". For this reason, claim 15 is now definite and clear.

With respect to claim 16, the antecedent basis for the words "said second fastening member " is in claim 13 and not claim 21. Therefore, it was necessary to amend claim 16 to be dependent on claim 13 instead of 21 in that claim 21 did not have an antecedent basis for the words "said second fastening member". For this reason, claim 16 is now definite and clear.

Claim 17 is properly dependent on claim 9.

Claim 22 is properly dependent on claim 21.

Claim 24 is properly dependent on claim 21.

Drawings

Applicant's are confused by the requirement set forth in the Notice of Allowability Mail Dated 07/14/2004 for new "replacement sheets" of Drawing. The reasons are as follows.

The "replacement sheets" of Drawings were filed on January 10, 2002 and were described in the Certificate of Filing Documents by Express Mail as follows:

Two (2) sheets of formal Drawing in A-4 format having Figs. 1 through 4 on Sheet 1 wherein Figs 1 and 2 have been corrected as shown in "red" on the marked-up sheets of Drawing and Figs. 28 through 32 on Sheet 2 wherein Figs. 30, 31 and 32 have been corrected as shown in "red" on the marked-up sheets of Drawing.

On 1/10/02, Applicant did, in fact, file "replacement sheets" of formal Drawing in A-4 format having the approved corrections.

The Notice of Allowability dated
07/14/2004 stated as follows:

6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

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(b) including changes required by the
attached Examiners Amendment/Comment or in
the Office Action of Paper No./Mail Date
7/9/04

The Examiner in the Examiner's Amendment Mail Date 7/14/04,
stated as follows with respect to the Drawing:

The corrected drawing sheets filed 1/10/02
have been approved by the examiner. The
replacement sheets have been initialed by
the examiner and are in the IFW file.

It is respectfully noted that the Examiner-Initiated
Interview Summary dated July 9, 2004, contained the following
statement:

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: It was agreed that claim 23 would be incorporated into claim 21. It was also agreed that the discussion of the length and the width of the fastening member that was added by amendment on 4/9/04 would be deleted from the claim. It was also agreed that the ruggized carrier statement would be removed from claim 21. It was agreed that claims 2-5, 8-16, and 24 would be amended to depend from claim 21. It was agreed that claims 6, 7, 18-20, 23 and 25 would be canceled. Claim 24 would be amended to state that the elongated carrying strap has a length, i.e. "fixed" was deleted. It was also agreed that the reference numbers would be dropped from the claims. This was done for consistency since claim 21 has reference numerals from different figures [Underlining added for emphasis].

As shown by the underlining added for emphasis in the above statement, there is no requirement for corrections or changes to the Drawing. The deletion of the reference numerals from the claim 21 was done for consistency and no Drawing corrections were required.

Therefore, it appears to Applicant that the "replacement sheets" of Drawing have been duly filed herein.

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For all of the above reasons, the requirement for "replacement sheets" of Drawing has been meet.

Summary

With the filing of this AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.312, the filing of a second set of "replacement sheets" of the Drawing, the concurrent filing of the duly completed and executed ISSUE FEE TRANSMITTAL Form and concurrent payment of the Issue Fee, this Application is now in condition for issuance.

Respectfully submitted,



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